

REMARKS**Claim Amendment**

Claims 25-36 had been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

This amendment introduces no new matter.

Reply to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the original claims to two groups. Group A includes the invention of Group I, claimed in Claims 1-13, and the invention of Group II, claimed in Claim 24. Group B includes the invention of Group III, claimed in Claims 25-36.

It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner requested restriction between the inventions of group A (Claims 1-23 and Claim 24) and the invention of Group B. It is further Applicants' understanding that, in the event Applicants elected group A, the Examiner required election of a species for the purposes of searching. Specifically, the Examiner requested an election of species (1) from among the species of the supporting means shown in FIGs. 1E and 1D; and (2) from among the species of the cages shown in FIGs. 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A and 3C.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the inventions of Group A. Claims readable on these inventions are Claims 1-24. Claims 25-36 are withdrawn as directed to the non-elected invention. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species for the purposes of searching, Applicants elect the species of the support means depicted in FIG. 1E. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-6, 11-13, 15 and 24. Applicants further elect the species of the cage depicted in FIG. 2A. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-6, 11-13, 15 and 24.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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